### CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE, STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION

**Reporting Formats for Article 7** 

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(ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION)

## Form A National implementation measures

#### Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on: a) The national implementation measures referred to in Article 9."

*Remark:* In accordance with Article 9, "Each State Party shall take all appropriate legal, administrative and other measures, including the imposition of penal sanctions, to prevent and suppress any activity prohibited to a State Party under this Convention undertaken by persons or on territory under its jurisdiction or control".

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Measures	Supplementary information (e.g., effective date of implementation & text of legislation attached).
<ul> <li>The Gambia signed and ratified the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention and the instrument of ratification was deposited with the United Nations.</li> <li>Signed AP Mine Ban Convention: 4th December 1997</li> <li>Instrument of Ratification deposited with United Nations: 29th June 2000</li> <li>The National Contact Group had a meeting in October 2012 to discuss and finalise the National Implementation Measures.</li> </ul>	

### Form B Stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 b) The total of all stockpiled anti-personnel mines owned or possessed by it, or under its jurisdiction or control, to include a breakdown of the type, quantity and, if possible, lot numbers of each type of anti-personnel mine stockpiled."

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1. Total of stockpiled anti-personnel mines

Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information	
VS 50 AP MINES	100		Fuses separated	
TOTAL	100			

2. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered after the deadlines have passed. (Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan)\*

Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
TOTAL			

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to the decision of the 8MSP, as contained in paragraph 29 of the Final Report of the Meeting, document APLC/MSP.8/2007/6.

### Form C Location of mined areas

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

c) To the extent possible, the location of all mined areas that contain, or are suspected to contain, anti-personnel mines under its jurisdiction or control, to include as much detail as possible regarding the type and quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine in each mined area and when they were emplaced."

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1. Areas that contain mines<sup>\*</sup>

Location	Туре	Quantity	Date of emplacement	Supplementary information
NO				On 5 December 2012, the Gambia declared that it did not have mined areas and has no Article 5 obligations but in the event that previously unknown mined areas are discovered, it would report them and destroy them.

<sup>\*</sup> If necessary, a separate table for each mined area may be provided

Location	Туре	Quantity	Date of	Supplementary information
			emplacement	
NO				In 2007, an isolated incident involving a mine at the border with Senegal occurred. As a result the area was thoroughly checked and no other mines were found. Because of this incident and the unstable security situation at the border with Senegal, there may be other isolated incidents in the future. If such situation was happening and that previously unknown mined areas are discovered, the Gambia will report such areas in accordance with Article 7 and ensure the effective exclusion of civilians as well as the destruction of all anti- personnel mines in these areas as a matter of urgent priority.

#### 2. Areas suspected to contain mines\*

# Form D APMs retained or transferred

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

d) The types, quantities and, if possible, lot numbers of all anti-personnel mines retained or transferred for the development of and training in mine detection, mine clearance or mine destruction techniques, or transferred for

the purpose of destruction, as well as the institutions authorized by a State Party to retain or transfer antipersonnel mines, in accordance with Article 3"

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1a. *Compulsory:* Retained for development of and training in (*Article 3, para.1*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
Gambia Armed Forces (GAF)	VS 50 AP MINE	100		Training purposes for the military.
TOTAL				

1b. Voluntary information (Action #54 of Nairobi Action Plan)

Objectives	Activity / Project	Supplementary information		
		(Description of programs or activities, their objectives and progress, types of mines, time period if and when appropriate)		
-Mine identification -Mine destruction Techniques	Pre-deployment training	The mines are in a secured armoury and routine stock checks are conducted. The Gambia Armed Forces is planning to deploy to Mali under ECOWAS and will use the mines during the pre-deployment training. A report on how the mines are use will be sent in subsequent reports.		

NOTE: Each State Party should provide information on plans and future activities if and when appropriate and reserves the right to modify it at any time

Form D (continued)

2. Compulsory: Transferred for development of and training in (Article 3, para.1)

Institution authorized by State Party	Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
N/A				
TOTAL				

3. *Compulsory:* Transferred for the purpose of destruction (*Article 3, para.2*)

Institution authorized by State Party	Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information: e.g. transferred from, transferred to
N/A				
TOTAL				

## Form E Status of programs for conversion or de-commissioning of APM production facilities

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:e) The status of programs for the conversion or de-commissioning of anti-personnel mine production facilities."

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Indicate if to "convert" or "decommission"	Status (indicate if "in process" or "completed")	Supplementary information
N/A		

#### Form F Status of programs for destruction of APMs

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

f) The status of programs for the destruction of anti-personnel mines in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, including details of the methods which will be used in destruction, the location of all destruction sites and the applicable safety and environmental standards to be observed."

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1. Status of programs for destruction of stockpiled APMs (Article 4)

Description of the status of programs including:	
Location of destruction sites	Details of:
N/A	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

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Location of destruction sites	Details of:
N/A	Methods
	Applicable safety standards
	Applicable environmental standards

## Form G APMs destroyed after entry into force

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:
 g) The types and quantities of all anti-personnel mines destroyed after the entry into force of this Convention for that State Party, to include a breakdown of the quantity of each type of anti-personnel mine destroyed, in accordance with Articles 4 and 5, respectively, along with, if possible, the lot numbers of each type anti-personnel mine in the case of destruction in accordance with Article 4"

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1. Destruction of stockpiled APMs (*Article 4*)

Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			
TOTAL			

2. Destruction of APMs in mined areas (*Article 5*)

Туре	Quantity	Supplementary information
N/A		
TOTAL		

## Form G (continued)

3. Previously unknown stockpiles of anti-personnel mines discovered and destroyed after the deadlines have passed. (*Action #15 of Nairobi Action Plan*)\*

Туре	Quantity	Lot # (if possible)	Supplementary information
N/A			
TOTAL			

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## Form H Technical characteristics of each type produced/owned or possessed

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

h) The technical characteristics of each type of anti-personnel mine produced, to the extent known, and those currently owned or possessed by a State Party, giving, where reasonably possible, such categories of information as may facilitate identification and clearance of anti-personnel mines; at a minimum, this information shall include the dimensions, fusing, explosive content, metallic content, colour photographs and other information which may facilitate mine clearance"

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1. Technical characteristics of each APM-type produced

Туре	Dimensions	Fusing	Explosive	content	Metallic	Colour	Supplementary information to
			type	grams	content	photo attached	facilitate mine clearance.
N/A							

2. Technical characteristics of each APM-type currently owned or possessed

Туре	Dimensions	Fusing	Explo	osive content	Metallic	Colour photo	Supplementary information to	
			type	grams	content	attached	facilitate mine clearance.	
VS 50 AP MINE	Length-45.00mm Width-90.00mm Weight-175.77	Pressure plate	RDX	42.53	Minimal			

#### Form I Measures to provide warning to the population

Article 7.1 "Each State Party shall report to the Secretary-General ... on:

i) The measures taken to provide an immediate and effective warning to the population in relation to all areas identified under paragraph 2 of Article 5."

# The billboards with warnings about AP mines are still maintained in the areas close to the border with the southern Senegalese Region of Casamance.

*Remark:* In accordance with Article 5, para.2: "Each State Party shall make every effort to identify all areas under its jurisdiction or control in which anti-personnel mines are known or suspected to be emplaced and shall ensure as soon as possible that all anti-personnel mines in mined areas under its jurisdiction or control are perimeter-marked, monitored and protected by fencing or other means, to ensure the effective exclusion of civilians, until all anti-personnel mines contained therein have been destroyed. The marking shall at least be to the standards set out in the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices, as amended on 3 May 1996, annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

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#### Form J Other relevant matters

The Gambia has declared at the 12 Meeting Of State Parties that there are no mined or suspected mined areas within its boundary. During the reporting period 3 Gambians were killed and 1 injured in a mine incident in Pilai, a village in the Southern Senegalese Region of Casamance on 2 December 2012.

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[Narrative / reference to other reports:]